



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

### Newsletter 11 – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### **Congratulations!**

We would like to pass on our congratulations and best wishes to Lisa (Place2Be) and her partner who have welcomed a little boy, Cameron, into the world a few weeks early but all are doing well.



#### **Admission to Reception Class 2023**



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class in September 2023 is accessible using the following link:-

<https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appsummary.aspx>

If you have a child due to start primary school next September (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019), please ensure you complete the online admission form. **The closing date is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

If you do not have access to the internet or you are having difficulty completing the online admission form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

#### **Christmas Pantomime 2022 – CINDERELLA**



Our whole school Pantomime trip is next Thursday! Please can we ask that any outstanding payments are made by 1<sup>st</sup> December via Schoolmoney. The last thing we would want to do is cancel this but we may have to if payments aren't made.

#### **Snowball Disco**

This year's Snowball Disco will be taking place on Friday 2nd December over two sessions and is £2 per ticket. This ticket includes a drink, a packet of crisps and a chocolate bar.

Session 1- 5:00pm-6:00pm- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children only

Session 2- 6:15pm-7:30pm- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children only

If you would like your child to attend please make payment via Schoolmoney. Unfortunately, the office can no longer accept cash payments.



### Infant Nativity – Prickly Hay



Due to health and safety regulations, admission to the KS1 concerts will be by ticket only. The KS1 (Years Rec, 1 & 2) concert will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. There will be two performances of the concert which will be held during the school day at **10.00am and 2.00pm**. Tickets are £1.00 each, maximum of 4 per family and can be purchased via Schoolmoney under the Shop tab, click on the + icon for the number of tickets required, for example if 2 tickets are required click the + icon twice. Under 3's are free if **sitting** on an adult's knee.

### Children In Need



We have raised a total of £143.70. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



### Special Visitor – Pudsey Bear

We had a very special visitor in school on Monday. Pudsey Bear surprised the Reception class children and staff! The children were very excited and really enjoyed the surprise.



### DT Week

Year 3 and Year 4 will be taking part in DT week next week. The cost for materials is £1.00 per child and the children will be able to take home their creations at the end of the week. Please hand your £1.00 to the class teacher.

### Parents' Evening

**YEAR 5 ONLY** - Parents Evening is to be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Appointments can be booked online: <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

### Afterschool clubs.



The last week for clubs this term will be the week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

### Year 5 Local walk

As part of Year 5's geography topic on 'Rivers' we have organised a local walk and trip to Witton Park next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, with the Rivers Trust. (Weather permitting)

At the park there will be a range of practical activities including pond dipping, measuring the width, depth and speed of the river. The children will require OLD trainers or wellington boots and a warm coat to participate in these activities.

## Outward Bound

There are still a few places available to Years 5 and 6. If your child is interested in going, a deposit payment of £30.00 is required initially to secure their place. This must be paid via ParentPay. If you would like a PayPoint barcode to make the payment please contact the office.



As a reminder – this is an exciting residential trip taking place from 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater. The trip has been heavily subsidised bringing the cost per pupil down from £489.25 to £170.00.

For those children already booked on the trip please continue to make regular payments to reduce and clear your balance by March 2023.

**PLEASE ONLY MAKE PAYMENTS TOWARDS OUTWARD BOUND VIA PARENTPAY**

## Carol Service at the Cathedral

Year 5 and Year 6 are singing carols at Blackburn Cathedral on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 1.00pm - 1:30pm. All are welcome to come and watch the service.

Any Parents/Carers watching the service are welcome to take their child/ren home when the service has finished.

## School Milk

The parents/carers of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes have been sent a text message consent form this week requesting whether or not your child requires milk in the Spring term. **It is extremely important that this is completed no later than Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**, to enable the office staff to order the correct quantity of milk for January. **If you do not complete the form, milk will not be ordered for your child next term.**



## Selection Box Raffle



We are having a selection box raffle on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We are raising money for school funds. The raffle tickets will be sold by the school council team at break time for **20p per ticket or £1.00 a strip.**

## Christmas Jumper Day



On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be raising funds for Save the Children by paying £1.00 to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, **please do not buy one especially for this day**; you could help your child decorate a jumper they already have by adding a few Christmas decorations

## NHS Dentist

Do you and your family need to register with an NHS dentist? Mydentist on Railway Road in Blackburn are looking to support local families and children. They have limited availability and may be able to offer some NHS examinations.

To find out more please email the practice at [blackburn3-am@mydentist.co.uk](mailto:blackburn3-am@mydentist.co.uk) with your details: Full name, D.O.B, Full address including post code, email address, & telephone number and they will get back to you within 1-2 working days. Please do not phone the practice, registration is by email only.



## St Aidan's Church events

### Christmas Fayre – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November



### Carol Singing Walk – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Starting at St Aidan's Church at 12.30pm and walking to Blackburn Baptist Church at Bank Top via St Luke's. Come and join us for some or all of the route.

### Dates and Events for December and January

**Dec 22/JAN 23**

**The Voice Preservation Society**

During the December the Voice Preservation Society comes into it's own - carol singing, especially outdoors, it really takes it's toll on the vocal cords. And since 1918, when a simplified version of 9 lessons and carols was developed, there has been even more strain on the voice. The voice is needed if the words of the carols and Bible readings are to be heard.

No doubt we all have our favourite carol but what is our favourite Christmas reading from the Bible? For many it is the start of St. John's Gospel, which begins, "In the beginning was the Word", yet if someone who isn't a regular church attender is drawn into a Christmas service because the lights were on and it might be warm inside or because BBC broadcast vans were outside the cathedral and the reading was the start of St. John's Gospel, they may well think it was rather obscure.

At the recent Diocesan Conference Ruth Valerio, the global advocate for Tear Fund, the relief agency, said that the message of God's saving grace is rooted in John 1:1-14. It echoes the start of the Bible as in Genesis we hear about God speaking His perfect creation into being. The start of John highlights how through incarnation (the birth of Jesus) and free gift of God's saving power is spoken into existence. This may seem very theological but that's the nature of this Bible passage.

However, the same theology is expressed in a more accessible and pictorial way in our Christingle service. This year it is being held on Christmas Eve at 4pm. The message of God's creating power is shown through the orange and the sweets or raisins. The red ribbon represents God's saving power through Jesus' blood which was shed on the cross for us all. The time of the year when we hold Christingle services reminds us that Jesus was born to show us the way and to save us. The candle is part of the Christingle to show that Jesus is God's gift to us as the Light of the world.

In the run up to Christmas a lot of time and money is spent on buying gifts but Jesus is the perfect free gift for us all. I hope that you all have a joyful and blessed Christmas time.

Rev Canon Cath Brooks

Ps: If someone asks you what you want for Christmas and you can't think of anything, why not ask for a brick or two for our LEGO church, which is not yet fully built?

**COFFEE MORNING & SALE  
DECEMBER 3rd  
In Church 10.15 - 11.45**

SUNDAY/DAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE/EVENT	READERS/PLACE
Thursday	1st	6pm	Carol singing	Albion Care Home
2nd of Advent	3rd	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Paula
Saturday	10th	12.30pm	Carol walk	St Aidan's -to Blackburn Baptist's
3rd of Advent	11th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Kath
	11th	7pm	Alternative Carols	St Lukes @ St Wilfrids
Thursday	15th	2pm	School Carol Service	St Aidan's
4th of Advent	18th	9.30 & 11am	Readings and carols	St Aidan's
	18th	7pm	Classic Carols	St Lukes @ St Wilfrids
Christmas Eve	24th	4.00pm	Christingle & Crib	St Aidan's
	24th	11.15	Midnight	Cathedral
Christmas day	25th	10.30	Family Communion	Malc

**JANUARY 23**

Naming of Jesus	1st	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Marion
Epiphany Sunday	8th	9.30 & 11am	All age	Elaine
2nd of Epiphany	15th	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Barbara
3rd of Epiphany	22nd	9.30 & 11am	Communion & organ	Dorothy
4th of Epiphany	29th	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Jeff

**100 CLUB**

Thankyou to all who have joined the 100 club. We have 50 number taken. If you still want to join you can at any time @ 50p a week. There will be a draw of 1st prize £20 and 2nd prize £10 at the end of every month.

**Poppies**

We raised nearly £30.00 pounds from the poppies, thank youi everybody

## The National Sleep Helpline – Do you want to know more about sleep?



the national sleep helpline

**Does your child suffer with sleep issues?**

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

**WE CAN HELP**

**03303 530 541**  
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am

the national sleep helpline

**50%**

**Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\***

**WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?**  
In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

**HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?**

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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the sleep charity

Furniture Village

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### Class Trips

As part of the pupils theme work, class trips have been organised for the following classes:-



**Whole School – Blackburn Empire Theatre – Thursday 1st December**  
**Y5 – Local walk to Wifton Park**

Trips are also being arranged for other year groups and you will be informed of these in due course.

### ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	100%	100%	100%

### Dates for your diary

Y3/Y4 DT week	-	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
Whole school Pantomime visit	-	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Y5 local walk	-	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Snowball Disco	-	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 5.00pm – 6.00pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 6.15pm – 7.30pm Years 3,4,5,6
Y6 DT week	-	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Infant Nativity (AM and PM)	-	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Carols at the Cathedral (Y5/Y6)	-	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform day and Christmas dinner	-	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Carols in Church 2.00pm	-	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas crafts (KS1 am/KS2 pm) - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas parties - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December
- End of term Celebration Assembly – 9.00am - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- School finishes for Christmas break – 2.15pm - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**
- School reopens 8.40am - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**
- Primary school application deadline date - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January

**Congratulations!**

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week:



	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award Winner Christian Values
<b>Reception</b> (Miss Keegan)	Charlie & Riley-Anne	Reggie
<b>Year 1</b> (Miss Rigby)	Alma & Lily H	Ivan
<b>Year 2</b> (Miss Yates)	Sampson & Killian	Emily
<b>Year 3</b> (Mrs Moss)	Eric & Sienna	Freddie
<b>Year 4</b> (Miss Grey)	Stephen & Leah	Covenant
<b>Year 5</b> (Mrs Harrison)	Lennon & Tulisa	Charlie Burke
<b>Year 6</b> (Mrs Rourke)	Jayden & Musaddiq	Thomas

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher